with the cross border terrorism and the militancy in the North-Eastern States. These include, *inter-alia,* raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border out posts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments, coordinated action by Army, Para-military forces and State Police for counter militancy operations, declaration of major militant groups as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of militancy affected States as "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Governments and modernisation/ upgradation of the police in the North-Eastern States. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various levels.

Demand for creation of New States

*55. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHANRAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demands being raised for the creation of five new States, namely Telengana, Vidarbha, Harit Pradesh, Bundelkhand and Mithila;

(b) if so, whether Government have received representations from various Members of Parliament/Organisations in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Representations have been reeived from Members of

Parliament/Organisations for the creation of five new States as indicated below:

TELANGANA	1.	National Front for Smaller States
	2.	Telangana Study Forum, Hyderabad
	3.	Telangana Congress Men
	4.	Metpalli Mandal Parishad
	5.	Citizens Forum for Fundamental Rights
	6.	Osmania University Teachers Association
	7.	Telangana Praja Party
VIDARBHA	1.	Shri Vilas Muttemwar, MP
	2.	Shri Vijay J. Darda, MP
	3.	Krishi Utpanya Samati
	4.	National Front for Smaller States
	5.	Chandrapuri Vidarbha Mukti Mahasabha, Akola
	6.	Vidarbha Vakil Mahasangh, Nagpur
HARIT PRADESH	1.	Ajit Singh, MP
	2.	Rashtriya Lok Dal
BUNDELKHAND	1.	National Forum for Smaller States
MITHILA (MITHILANCHAL)	1.	Shri Kirti Jha Azhad, MP
	2.	Vidyapati Seva Sansthan, Darbhanga.

Potentiality for the generation of Hydro-Power in Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and North-Eastern States

†*56. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make joint efforts to tap the

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.